

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Hunting Regulations - Riverboat Unit

Youth Hunt Opportunity



Hunting is permitted in accordance with all applicable State (see website below) and special refuge regulations.

State of Oregon - www.dfw.state.or.us/resources

TRNWR - www.fws.gov/refuge/tualatin_river/riverboat_youth_hunt.html

All youth (17 years of age and under) must have passed a hunter education course, have their own hunting license, state waterfowl validation and migratory HIP (Harvest Information Program), federal duck stamp and be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older or meet other state and federal guidelines.

- **Open to hunting** - Ducks, geese, and coots during youth hunt days and in the Riverboat Unit only.
- **Closed to hunting** - All other species of wildlife not listed are protected.
- **Days Open to Waterfowl Hunting** - Hunting season will begin on Saturday, October 31st and run through the end of the regular state hunting season as conditions permit. The refuge will not be open for the 3rd period northwest permit zone goose hunt. At no other time is this area open to hunt. Youth hunt Days: October 31, 2015; November 15th, 2015; November 28th, 2015; December 13th, 2015; December 26th, 2015; January 10th, 2016 on the Riverboat Unit Only.
- **No General Public Entry** - Entry is allowed only to permitted waterfowl hunters on Refuge youth waterfowl hunt days. The hunt area is closed to all public entry during non-hunt days.
- **Vehicle Travel and Parking** - All vehicles are restricted to designated motorized routes of travel and parking areas. Trails lead from the parking area to the blind sites (see map).
- **Boats** - Non-motorized watercraft (including boats, layout-type vessels, and float tubes) may only be used to set decoys and retrieve downed birds. Watercraft may not be used to access hunting locations.
- **Dogs** - Dogs must be kept on leashes except during the lawful pursuit of game during legal seasons.
- **Firearms, Ammunition, and Shell Limits** - Only shotguns are permitted, no shotgun may be larger than a 12 gauge, shot size cannot exceed BB, and all shot must be federally approved non-toxic shot. Hunters are limited to the use or possession of 25 shells per day.

Hunter Applications & Orientation:

Hunter Application - Details can be found online at www.fws.gov/refuge/tualatin_river/riverboat_youth_hunt.html. The application period is open from September 1st, 2015 - September 31, 2015.

Mandatory Orientation - ALL selected hunters and participants (non-hunting supervisors and observers) that will be present in the blind during the hunt, must attend an orientation prior to their hunt date.

Orientation Dates: October 24th, 2015 9:00am-12:00pm, November 7th, 2015 9:00am-12:00pm, December 5th, 2015 9:00am-12:00pm at Tualatin River NWR Wildlife Center, 19255 SW Pacific Hwy, Sherwood, OR 97140.

Hunter Check Station & Procedures:

Check In/ Check Out - All participants must check-in at the Hunter Check Station at the Riverboat Unit to obtain a special refuge permit that you must possess and carry. Check in is 1-1/2 hours before legal hunt time. You must be checked out no later than 1:00PM and complete a harvest report. (See map for parking, blind, and check station location.)

Blind Selection:

Blinds - Will be assigned by a random drawing of applications. All hunting must take place within the assigned blind (see map). A maximum of four (4) people may occupy a blind, (only two hunting youth may occupy the same blind, and must be accompanied by at least one (1) non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older.

ADA Hunter Blind - The ADA Blind provides improved access to hunters with disabilities. See <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/disability> for further information on how to qualify for preference for this blind.

Selected Prohibited Activities:

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting, fires, overnight camping, overnight parking, littering (including empty shotgun hulls), commercial guiding for hunting, trapping or netting, and the use of ATV's and other off-road vehicles.

Contact Information:

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Tualatin River NWR Riverboat Unit Youth Hunt Area



Legend



Hunt Blind Sites



Refuge Boundary

